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EUROPEAN ALLIES DESIRE PRESI-DENT ROOSEVELT TO ACT.

Prefer Him to The Hague Tribunal, and Have Made a Counter Proposition to that Effect.

PRESIDENT HAS NOT ACCEPTED

UNWILLING TO ASSUME RESPONSI-BILITY OF THE POSITION.

Will Consent Only in Case the Parties to the Dispute Cannot Agree on Some Other Plan.

PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

Seizure of Ships Carrying the Venezuelan Flag Begun at Once, to the Surprise of the Owners.

GERMAN FIRM A SUFFERER

OWNED THE CAL O OF THE FIRST PRIZE TAKES YESTERDAY.

Commercial Panic at Caracas When Announcement of the Blockade Was Made-British Ship Ashore.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- It is now almost certain that the Venezuelan dispute will be arbitrated, but the method of procedure and who the arbiter will be have not yet been determined. President Roosevelt has proposed to the allied powers that the dispute be submitted to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. The powers have replied with a counter proposal that President Roosevelt himself arbitrate the issues. The President does not wish to act as arbitrator in this dispute, for as such it is felt here he would be at once judge, jury and constable and would be under moral obligation to execute his own judgment. The Hague tribunal would vastly strengthen the cause of arbitration. Still rather than see the present dispute proceed to extremes it is probable the President will reluctantly assume the duties of arbitrator. It is fully realized that any decision rendered by him in that capacity would be sure to bring him the enmity of one or the other parties to the controversy, and this fact was pointed out to the President early in the week by a leading senator who had been called into consultation. Nevertheless to prevent bloodshed and the destruction of property and interference with great commercial interests that would result in loss it is believed the President would assume the charge providing his own view cannot

PROTOCOL NECESSARY. If an agreement is reached on arbitra-

tion, the procedure would be for Mr. Bowen, representing Venezuela as a plenipotentiary, to sign with the representatives of the allies a protocol stating that the case is to be submitted to arbitration; that Venezuela admits the right of diplomatic intervention in behalf of a claimant, a principle she has always resisted, and that the details of the arbitration shall be arranged in a formal treaty which she pledges herself to sign. This treaty will provide in the greatest detail for the security of foreign interests against vexatious and extortionate interference on the part of the Venin government hereafter, and will sure the administration of exact justice in the settlement of claims, and especially will it relieve foreign residents of Venezuela from forced loans and persecution in times of revolutions.

The status of the arbitration negotiations at the close of the official day, as disclosed at the State Department, was that the powers were waiting for an answer from the President to their proposals that he himself undertake to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty. The President's answer can only be guessed at, for the officials decline to express any opinion of their own. However, it is believed to be a safe prediction that he will renew his suggestion that the case be submitted to The Hague tribunal, adding to the argument he has already produced the fact that the United States, having claims of its own against Venezuela to the amount of about \$100,000. is a party in interest, and it would be unfair to put the President in the position of having to arbitrate his own claim. For their part, the powers bring against The Hague proposition the argument that President Castro would feel lightly bound by any decision by that tribunal, but would be certain to heed a judgment rendered by

NO BACKWARD STEP. It is said at the State Department that no matter how these two propositions are disposed of there will be no backward step and that an agreement of some kind which will bring about a peaceable settlement of the Venezuelan troubles will result from the present negotiations. Of course, if the President should accept the charge, which, as aiready stated, he would do only as a last resort, it is understood the actual, burdensome work of arbitrating the claims would not be undertaken by him personally, but probably would be, as is customary in such cases, confided to one of the thoroughly efficient and trained assistant secretaries

of the department. At the German embassy to-night, denial, emphatic and authoritative, was given to the various reports in circulation that Germany is anxious to acquire Margarita island and will work to this end in any settlement that may be agreed upon. Germany, it was said, has never for an instant held designs on Margarita island or any other Venezuelan territory. Her effort throughout has been merely to obtain satisfaction for the claims pending against the Caracas government and for indignities committed against German citizens. This position was made plain to the State Department by the German ambassador, Mr. Von Holleben, last year, and the Washington authorities accepted then and accept now in go

faith assurances made by the Berlin government that no encreachment on the Monroe doctrine was intended or threatened by the German government's scheme for collecting her claims from Venezuela.

It developed to-day that the position of the French government in claiming priority of settlement for her claims against Venezuela prior to 1839, because of a settlement that has been agreed upon between the two countries, has not only appealed to the Washington authorities but that it may find support from the Berlin government. No information has been received at the State Department to this effect, nor is it thought that in the event President Roosevelt declines to arbitrate the dispute that he will be called on to settle this question between the European powers. It is thought that Great Britain and Italy are rather inclined to dispute the right of France to prior settlement of claims arising before 1899.

An important fact developed to-day is that the punitive measures about to be instituted and, in fact, now in force in some degree, will not be suspended by the allies until definite agreement is reached as to arbitration. Venezuela has been told through Minister Bowen that the President would welcome a reference of the dispute to The Hague tribunal. While no direct reply has been received, it is not doubted that the reply would be favorable if the FORCE other parties consented to such reference.

The State Department was ay notified by the United States embassy at London hat a blockade proclamation had been issued. Soon afterwards a message was received from Consul Smith, at Port of Spain, Trinidad, as follows: "Venezuela block-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 2.)

MANY KILLED AND HURT

TWELVE OR MORE PERSONS KILLED AND ABOUT THIRTY INJURED.

An "Owl" Train Struck by a Local -Most of the Victims Residents of Fresno, Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 .- The "owl" train which left here at 4:30 p. m. for Los Angeles was run into to-night near Byron Hot Springs, seventy miles from this city, by the Stockton local train. Twelve or fifteen persons were killed and about thirty were more or less seriously injured. The killed and injured were riding in the rear car, which was filled with passengers for Fresno. Owing to the remoteness of the point where the collision occurred details are very meager.

The killed are still lying under the wreck of the locomotive and car and their names have not been ascertained. Twenty-seven injured have been removed to the Byron Springs Hotel. Relief trains are hasten-The President feels that a reference to ing to the wreck. The Stockton local left this city one-half hour behind the "owl." Both trains were well filled.

> A report at midnight says that ten persons were killed. Of these one has been identified as Clarence Oluff, of Fresno. The unidentified include three women, one Japanese boy, one Japanese man, two Chinese and one laborer.

> The "owl" train was stopped about a mile west of Byron because the locomotive broke down. The brakeman was sent about a half mile down the track to flag the Stockton train, which was following and which left Oakland Mole half an hour after the "owl." The engineer of the Stockton train answered the signals of the flagman. and crashed into the rear cars of the disabled train.

R. C. WHAYNE'S DEATH.

Much Insured Man Believed to Have Been Killed Accidentally.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 20.-The coroner's jury, which spent a full day investigating the death of R. C. Whayne, a prominent closed yesterday when Mr. Grenner, who business man who was found last Wednesday night in the vicinity of Jacob Park diana, paid to Arthur Jordan, president of with a gunshot wound in the breast, late | the Crown Oil Company, owned by Mr. Jorthis afternoon returned a verdict of acci- dan and Frank W. Lewis, of this city, \$125,dental death. Intense interest was mani- | 000 for 500 acres owned by the Crown Comfested in the case, as Mr. Whayne carried pany in Center township, Grant county. life insurance policies aggregating \$390,000 and had applied for \$50,000 more. Among the policies carried by Mr. Whayne were the following: Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, \$200,000; Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York, \$120,000; Union Central Life, \$10,000; New York Life, \$5,000; Northwestern Mutual Life, \$5,000. Mr. Whayne had appued for a policy of \$25,000 with the Manhattan Company, and the policy was to issue Dec. Another application had been made to the Mutual of Vermont for an equal amount, and this policy was to be dated

It was upon the fact that Mr. Whayne carried such a large life insurance and was said to be suffering from rheumatism that a theory of suicide was based. Near Mr. Whayne's body when found, but on the opposite side of a wire fence, was a shotgur with one barrel empty and the other loade and cocked. His friends and family de clared that death was due to an accident and that the gun was discharged while he was climbing through the fence. The evidence offered at to-day's inquest supported the theory of accident altogether, there being no features which pointed to suicide. It is not known what steps the insurance companies will take. Several New Yorl detectives are here. A part of the \$390,000 insurance is incontestable.

MISS LE CLEYRE MAY DIE.

Wounded Anarchist Has Little Chance of Resovery.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.-Voltairine Le Cleyre, the avowed Anarchist and teacher of music, who was yesterday shot by Herman Helscher, who also professes anarchistic tendencies, is still alive to-day at the Hahnemann Hospital, but the surgeons say she has only a slight chance of recovery.

The shooting occurred on the street and was witnessed by a number of persons. Miss Le Cleyre was awaiting a car when Helscher approached and began firing from a revolver. Three of the five bullets which he fired took effect. Miss Le Cleyre has attained notoriety through her anarchistic utterances and her

intimacy with prominent Anarchists of the country. Her writings are said to known to Anarchists all over the world. It is said she came to this city about fifteen years ago from Michigan. Her father is dead, but her mother lives somewhere in the West. Helscher is a cigar maker, and was born in Russia. ST. JOHNS, Mich., Dec. 20 .- Voltairine

Le Cleyre, the Anarchist, who was shot in Philadelphia last night, formerly lived "Volta" left St. Johns about seventeen years ago. In school she was regarded as a bright girl, but not phenomenal-

Soldiers of Fortune to Come Home. PANAMA, Colombia, Dec. 20.-There is no truth in the report of the loss of the Coombian cruiser Bogota. Lieutenants Dutton and Many and Dr. Graham, of the Boleave here Tuesday for San Francisco, 'ine rest of the American crew, having a year's contract, remain on board.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.



ST. LOUIS SYNDICATE SECURING OP-TIONS ON VALUABLE LANDS.

National Oil Company Buys All the Producing Territory of the Crown Oil Company.

PROPERTY IN GRANT COUNTY

T. M. BARNSDALE, PITTSBURG MAG-NATE, ALSO INTERESTED.

Failure of Gas Supply Means Development of Rich Oil Lands-Details of the Deal.

A St. Louis syndicate composed of August Busch, the brewer, Henry C. Grenner and but for some reason his train rushed along | Herman Stieffel has made its first investment in the Indiana oil fields. These men have organized the National Oil Company, incorporated in Missouri for \$150,000, and, it is announced, have entered the Indiana oil field with the purpose of making large acquisitions of oil lands. It is said they now hold options on \$750,000 worth of producing oil territory and other that is contiguous

and promising. The first and most important deal was has conducted all the negotiations in In-This territory is east of Marion and includes some of the most valuable producing territory in the county. Prior to the deal the Crown Company purchased of the American Oil and Mining Company 3,300 acres in Grant, Blackford and Wells counties, nearly all of it unexplored territory. This deal was announced in the Journal

The 500 acres sold to the National Com pany includes all of the producing territory of the Crown Company. There are on it twenty wells, some natural gas exclusively, some oil exclusively and some gas and oil. The oil wells are now producing 250 barrels per day, and the contract between the Crown Company and the Marion Gas Company, which went in with the deal, calls for the delivery of all the gas supply into the mains of the Marion Gas Company. This gas supply it is understood approxi-mates 12,000,000 feet a month. The gas wells, seven in number, are regarded as equal to the best in the field. One of the oil wells is producing 2,000 barrels a month alone As oil is now \$1.07 a barrel the income from the oil wells is large. They are sustaining evidence of great volume and most of them are free from water.

MET WITH SUCCESS. The Crown Company was organized last winter with a capital stock of \$50,000. began drilling last March and met with success, and by the 1st of September had a large producing field. The St. Louis men had an eye on the field and recognized the importance of the area developed by the Crown Company, and negotiations for its purchase were begun. As the oil land passes on leaseholds and not on fee simple titles, the size of the transaction is much larger than would be supposed. The National Oil Company, it is understood, will close its options on several thousand acres of land probably between now

and Jan. 1, and will then begin the development of its territory. Another Grant county deal in oil and gas in which Indianapolitans are interested is the purchase of the controlling interest of Marion Gas Company, which gets its largest supply from the Crown Company's territory, by T. M. Barnsdale, of Pittsburg Mr. Barnsdale is a gas magnate with large investments in several States. He recently put service into Cleveland, O. To accomplish this economically he purchased about 50 per cent. interest in the Manufacturers Natural Gas Company, of Indianapolis, and now, with A. M. Boyd, of Richmond, and H. McK. Landon, of Indianapolis, con trols this company. The twenty-five-mile pipe line of the Manufacturers' Company was taken up and laid to connect Mr Barnsdale's Cleveland service with the ield. Recently Mr. Barnsdale the Grant and Wabash Gas Pipe Line Com pany, which disposes of all its supply, except a portion engaged by several factories under a short-term contract, to the Citi zens' Gas Company, of Marion. It is unlerstood this contract will soon expire prepared to close before Jan. 1 a deal for the controlling interest in the Marion Gas

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give him eventual control of the gas supply DEAL IMPORTANT. This deal is important because of its oil

resources. The territory of the Grant and Wabash Company and the Marion Gas Company is now producing much oil. developed territory of the Marion Company is now producing 200 barrels a day It is understood to be Mr. Barnsdale's purpose to exhaust the gas supply and then explore the territory for Hector M. Gilchrist, of this city, a large holder of gas and oil leases, is manager of the Marion Gas Company. He confirmed the reported sale to Mr. Barnsdale yesterday. Mr. Gilchrist said the transaction was important and that it would not affect the domestic supply of Marion. "Marion will have a domestic supply for several years to come," said Mr. Gilchrist. "It will be largely what is called 'casinghead gas,' or that which is taken from wells that are expected to yield oil when the gas is exhausted. This supply is a rather precarious one at times. One of the characteristics of it is that in very cold weather the wells break down and fill up with water, thus making them useless. The Crown Oil Company's land, which the St. Louis company acquires, is directly north only a few miles of the leased territory of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company of this city. The corner, Grant, Madison and Delaware counties, where the trust has its most valuable holdings, is the last of the "virgin" territory in the gas belt. It is now absolutely true that the entire gas belt has been explored and the exploration in the spots saved for the extremities of business are not disclosing even the quality expected. There is, however, as is shown by the purchase of the St. Louis company, much confidence in the territory as an oil-producing region. One of the elements of the development of the oil field in this neighborhood is the abundance of water in the wells, which requires

OIL DEAL MADE.

constant pumping, and which leaves only

a small margin of profit in oil even at \$1.07

Star Union Company Buys Properties

in Ohio. The Star Union Oil Company, of Indianapolis, of which W. A. Bristor is president, A. A. Stubbins vice president, R. G. Harseim treasurer, Charles A. Baker secretary, and Owen C. Boyd, W. F. Moore and D. B. Brenneke, the directors, has purchased through Robert C. Finch the George Stevens Oil Company's holdings in the South Lima oil fields, which consist of thirty-seven producing oil wells, including a perpetual lease on 800 acres of defined territory, for a consideration of \$125,000. The Star Union Oil Company was recently organized. Besides its Ohio property it controls leases on over 6,000 acres of proven territory in Indiana. The company intends to buy, lease and develop Ohio and Indiana territory as rapidly as possible. The market price of the Star Union stock is cents per share, an increase of 100 per cent. since the organization of the company,

JAMES A. HEMENWAY IS NOT SEEK-ING THE GOVERNORSHIP.

First District Congressman Disposes of Rumors That He Would Fight for the Nomination.

EXPLAINED POSITION

SAYS HIS PRESENT DUTY IS IN THE HOUSE, WHERE HE WILL STAY.

Governorship Race Two Years Away-Mr. Shideler's Candidacy-The Fight Against R. W. Miers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 20.-In a telephonic conversation with Congressman Hemenway to-day the Journal's correspondent learned that he is not in the race for the governorship of Indiana at this time. In explanation he says:

"I have just been re-elected to Congress and will occupy a position of great trust in the next House. As far as I can see now my duty lies in the House of Representatives. I have been repeatedly honored by the people of the First district and I gratefully appreciate what has been done for me. My work in Congress has been very heavy, occupying all of my time, hence I have given no thought to the race for the governorship. I am profoundly grateful to my friends for the deep interest they have taken in me. The governorship race is two years away, and many things will occur in that time that may put a different phase on conditions as they appear now. That I believe explains my attitude with reference to the gubernatorial nomination."

G. A. H. SHIDELER'S CANDIDACY. A. C. Alexander Thinks He Will Make a Strong Race.

A. C. Alexander, of Marion, business manager of the Marion Chronicle, who was in the city yesterday afternoon, said that G A. H. Shideler, of that city, will be an active candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

"Shideler has not as yet made a formal announcement of his candidacy," said Mr. Alexander, "and he has not authorized any one to make the announcement, but his friends at home understand that he will be

"You may set it down that Shideler will be a formidable candidate, too," continued the Marion man. "He has hosts of warm friends and a wide acquaintance all over the State, is an able man, a shrewd politician and an aggressive fighter. These personal factors will count largely in the fight, but in addition to them the matter of geography will play an important part. Grant county has never had a State office. It is the third county in the State, a Republican stronghold and the center of a strongly Republican congressional district. Consequently Shideler will have a following from the very start that will place him among the leaders. "What do Marion Republicans think of Representative Hemenway's announcemen that he wants to be Governor?'

"Well, they were somewhat surprised, like good many others in other parts of the State," replied Mr. Alexander. "I regard Hemenway as a formidable candidate, but I do not believe that he has any the best of our man at the start. "However, we're not worrying much about politics at this stage of affairs. It's a long time before the campaign really opens, and all sorts of things may happen in the meanwhile. Marion people are thinking more about the oil boom at present That is right at hand, and it is bringing thousands of dollars into Marion every

than politics to the average man.' TROUBLE FOR R. W. MIERS.

day. Everybody up our way is making

Democrats of the Second District Will Continue to "Knife" Him

Special to the Indianapolis Journal WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.-The close call that Robert W. Miers had in his last race for Congress in the Second Indiana district has called the attention of the leaders of his party to the fact that there are hundreds of Democrats in the district that are determined to put the judge out of business. It is recalled that in nearly every county he was mercilessly "knifed" by the active men of his party. The county of Lawrence was turned topsyturvy in the struggle for votes for Miers,

Congressman O'Neall, Judge Ogdon and Prosecuting Attorney Padgett, of Washington, Cyrus E. Davis and Hendren, District Committeeman Greene, and Charles W. Welman, of Sullivan, while ostensibly for Miers for re-election, were driving the knife into him at every opportunity and they changed hundreds of votes. Now because Mr. Miers won only by the skin of his teeth, it is being urged that unless there is a new candidate in 1904 the Republicans will capture the Second district. Word comes from the district that wires are already being laid to encompass the congressman's defeat. Almost every county has one or more candidates, among them Senator Inman, of Daviess, seems to be the most formidable for the reason that he was shrewd enough to keep out of the fight and yet give com-fort to both factions. The outlook is that Miers cannot win another delegation. He will be most vigorously opposed, according to the news that comes to Washington. His narrow margin in the last election has encouraged many Democrats that assisted him in former campaigns to withdraw their support, and there is every reason to believe at this time that a new man will represent the Second district in the Fiftyninth Congress. Personally, Miers is very popular, both in Washington and at his home, but the leaders of the district had too great a shock this time to be willing to try him again. Election of Binkley's Successor.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 20 .- A special election was held to-day to choose a successor to the late State Senator Charles C. Binkley. There were four candidates-Benjamin Starr, Republican; M. H. Woolley, Democrat; Orlando Marshall, Prohibitionist, and W. F. Manley, Socialist. No arrangement was made to receive the returns, but the election of Mr. Starr is conceded, as the county is so largely Republican. The vote was light.

BIG DEAL IN COAL LAND

ANDERSON AND MUNCIE COMPANY PURCHASES 27,000 ACRES.

It Lies Adjacent to the City of Sullivan, and Is Tapped by Three Roads -Other New Enterprises.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 20 .- One of the biggest mineral deals ever consummated in Sullivan county was closed to-day, by which 27,000 acres of fine mineral land, lying one mile northeast of this city, becomes the property of the Manufacturers' Mining and Fuel Company, which is composed of Anderson and Muncie capitalists and manufacturers. The experts have just completed the rough drilling, by which they have verified the former drillings and tests, and on the result the big deal was closed today by the committee representing the

backers of the big enterprise. Sixteen drills have been running day and night for the past three months. An average of five feet of No. 6, five feet four inches of No. 5 and a fair vein of No. 7, with good roof and bottom, were found. Coal from adjacent mines of the same seam and quality was sent to the factories at Anderson and tested in comparison with coal from other fields, including Pennsylvania and Ohio, and it showed 12 per cent. better heating power than either Pennsylvania or Ohio. For kiln use the Encaustic Tile Company at Anderson pronounced it the best that company had ever been able to get, and other factories at Anderson, including the Indiana Brick Company and large chemical works, tested the coal from these fields and found its heating qualities unsurpassed. All are much gratified over the prospects of obtaining cheap fuel to take the place of the exhausted gas supply. The land purchased to-day lies almost ad-

jacent to this city. The tract lies between two railroads-the Illinois Central on the south and the E. & T. H. on the westand the Southern Indiana passes through the center. The land is most favorably cated, on account of its proximity to Sullivan, being so situated that it will be greatly benefited by the certain development of the Land is selling in the county at twice the figure it commanded a year ago. Chicago,

Cleveland and other investors have bought more than \$800,000 worth of mineral land during the past twelve months. Experienced coal operators from the Ohio, Pennsylvania and other fields have bought heavily on account of the superior quality and high test of the Sullivan county coal. unexpected development of a rich coal field in the western part of the county has created quite a boom and a great deal of new work there is expected within the next

HOLIDAY IN MISSOURI.

Louisiana Purchase Flag Day Observed at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.-This is Louisiana

Purchase Flag day, and as such was declared a holiday by Governor Dockery and Mayor Wells. It is also the first anniversary of breaking ground for the world's fair. President Francis some time ago opened correspondence with the Governors of States in the Louisiana Purchase, requesting the formal observance of the aniversary of the transfer as Louisiana Purchase Flag day. The observance began Dec. 20, 1901, and was celebrated quite generally, the attention of the people of the Louisiana Purchase being called to it by proclamations from the Governors. In St. Louis the national ensign is displayed on public and private buildings generally. The day was observed on the exposition grounds with addresses and luncheon at the administration building.

CHEST OF JEWELS FOUND.

It Was Hidden Beneath the Flagstone of a Mexican Chapel.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20 .- Senor Olavarria, director of the renowned Las Viscainas College, reports to the government the discovery at that institution of a hidden chest containing extremely valuable gems. The chest contained a solid silver image of the virgin, inlaid with gold and crusted with gems, 192 diamonds, 342 emeralds, twenty-six rubies, four jacinths and

The gems will become the property of the government. The director was told of the existence of the chest by an old matron of the college, who says that its hiding place was confided to her many years ago by a former matron while on her deathed. The chest was hidden beneath a lagstone in the chapel.

ARMY OFFICERS AT CANTON.

Generals Young, Chaffee and Corbin Pay Respects to Mrs. McKinley. CANTON, O., Dec. 20 .- Distinguished ofmoney, and that is even more interesting

ficers of the United States army, in Cleveland for the Chamber of Commerce banquet, were joined here about noon by Gen. S. M. B. Young, who came from Washington on a visit to Mrs. McKinley for the purpose of paying their respects. Cleveland party, which included Major General and Mrs. Corbin, Major General Chaffee, Col. Webb C. Hayes and Colonel and Mrs. Myron T. Herrick, arrived in a special train via the Wheeling & Lake Erie road. After receiving the cordial greetings of Mrs. McKinley, the men of he party went to Judge Day's residence on the women remain the meal with Mrs. McKinley. The visitors returned to Cleveland late this afternoon.

Costa Rica Still Shaking.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rico, Dec. 20,-Three nore earthquake shocks have been felt Dispatches from Cartago say subterranean rumblings have been heard there. | regarding the condition of Hubbard Smith.

and Monroe, his home county, made a great showing for the congressman. The other counties of the district hit Miers hard. Such prominent Democrats as ex-

THINKS \$400,000 MORE IS TOO MUCH MONEY FOR INDIANAPOLIS.

Opposes Decoration of Public Buildings Because Coal Smoke May

Stain the Pretty Work.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

AND MAY REDUCE THE AMOUNT ASKED BY MR. OVERSTREET.

Vincennes Citizens Confident They Will Have One of the New Training Ships Named After That City.

LOGANSPORT SITE SELECTED

FEDERAL BUILDING TO BE ERECTED ON THE TABER PROPERTY.

Indiana Legislature to Be Asked to Appropriate Money for a Statue to George Rogers Clark.

Staff Correspondence of the Journal WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- The smoke nuisance in Indianapolis may have a decided effect on the course of the measure introduced in the House by Representative Overstreet to give an additional appropriation of \$400,000 for the Indianapolis federal building. The bill is now in the hands of the House committee on buildings and grounds, of which D. H. Mercer, of Nebraska, is chairman. Mr. Mercer probably will not favor the bill in its present form, and he says a majority of the members of the committee stand with him on the proposition that the bill calls for too much money. Mr. Mercer said to-day that the secretary of the treasury has asked him to come to the department and confer with him in regard to some of the new public buildings that are now under way. Mr. Mercer will not go home for the holidays, but will remain here to devote his time to public building matters that are before his committee. He says the Indianapolis building probably will be one of those discussed with Secretary Shaw. Mr. Mercer says he and other members of the committee are inclined to favor Mr. Overstreet wherever possible, but they feel that this request for a \$400,000 appropriation is too large and he has his doubts about getting it through. "I understand that a good part of the sum is wanted to decorate the building," said he, "and I think it is useless to spend so much money on decorations in cities where they have s much smoke. It would be all right in Washington, but take Chicago, for instance where they are going to ask for a hal million perhaps to decorate with. The whole interior would be a sight in a short

Mr. Mercer refers to the north side of the Indianapolis building as "a backyard front." He thinks the plans should be materially changed in this particular and that a sufficient appropriation should be made to include the additional expense.

Mayor George W. Roush, James Emison, Clarence B. Kensinger and Charles Blerhaus, of the committee which came here to see the Treasury Department about a site for the federal building at Vincennes, left this afternoon for New York. Postmaster Thomas B. Adams, who came with the committee, will join the others in New York to-morrow night. In New York the delegation will take up the public library question with Andrew Carnegie. To-day the committee had an interview with Supervising Architect Taylor concerning the construction of the new government building, urging that it be built of Rubble or Bedford stone. The bul will be forty feet high and occupy 4,500 square feet floor space. It will contain 200,000 cubic feet of stone. Mr. Taylor said there would be bids on stone and pressed brick. He thought stone would be favored if the appropriation was large enough. This rule will apply to all build-

ings in the State. This morning the Vincennes delegation called on Mr. Moody, secretary of the navy accompanied by J. A. Matthews and Thos. R. Shipp, and made an effort to have the secretary name one of the newly-constructed training ships Vincennes, because the first warship that ever carried the American flag around the world was named Vincennes. Secretary Moody was very mu pleased with the idea and promised to take it up with the President. Mr. Adams said to-night that the committee felt that its request will undoubtedly be granted. The committee will draft a memorial on the question and have Representative Watson. of the committee on naval affairs, presen it to the Navy Department. The President has evinced a decided interest in the military history of Vincennes, and in a conversation he had with Postmaster Adams talked of the story that made Vincennes famous. "As a matter of fact," Adams to-night, "he told me things about my town town that I never knew myself."

XXX The coming session of the Indiana Legislature will be asked to appropriate a sufficient sum, \$5,000 to \$10,000, to pay for the construction of a suitable statue to be placed in the national Capitol at Washington in honor of the great military hero. George Rogers Clark. The bill probably will be placed in the hands of Senator Barcus. A committee of Indianians in the national capital this week had the matter under discussion and the bill is now being prepared. It is the intention to have the statue made by an Indiana sculptor. XXX

It was a sort of case of "Hobson's choice" with the government in selecting the site it did to-day for the Logansport federal building. The site agreed on is at Market street, Erie avenue and Sixteenth street, and the price to be paid is \$15,000. The property is owned by George T. Taber and essie Taber Laree. The purchase is conditional on the opening of Sixteenth street. It is understood the government had to take this site or none, as the other sites were all too high priced, considering the size of the appropriation. The department thinks the site chosen was purchased for a reasonable sum, because the owners particularly desired that the building be erected "Logansport," said Special Parsons to-day, "is not a gas town, but it is a substantial, growing town, and property is very valuable there.

Indiana postmasters were confirmed in the Senate to-day as follows: William H. Gostlin, Hammond; Rolla V. Claxton, French Lick; Thomas Rudd, Butler; C. M. Graham, South Whitley; W. R. Nesbit, Sullivan: William A. Devault, Churubusco: Samuel Iden, Bourbon; Charles W. Elliott, Middlebury; Harvey W. McDowell, Winamac: Robert Ross, East Chicago; Omer Gayton, Cambridge City; H. C. Daugherty. Frankton; W. W. Lingle, Paoli; F. W. Hall Owensville. The following postmasters were ppointed: Amanda Sullivan, Garrett; Elva B. Rhodes, West Baden.

The State Department received a cablegram this afternoon from Cairo, Egypt,